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Banks.

YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK LIMITED.

CAPITAL PAID UP.....\$2,000,000

RESERVE FUNDS.....\$1,550,000

Branches and Agents.

TOKIO CHEFOO.
KOBÉ TIENTSIN.
OSAKA PEKIN.
NAGASAKI NEWCHWANG.
LONDON DALYAN.
LYONS PORT ARTHUR.
NEW YORK ANTUNG.
SAN FRANCISCO LIOUANG.
HONOLULU MUKDEN.
HOMIAY TIE-LING.
SHANGHAI CHANG-CHUN.
HANKOW.

Head Office—YOKOHAMA

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.
per Annum on the Daily Balance.

On Fixed deposit:

For 12 months.....5% p.a.

" 6 " " 4%

" 3 " " 3%

TAKEO TAKAMICHI,

Manager.

Hongkong, 31st October, 1907.

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INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1908.

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Banks.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$1,000,000

RESERVE FUNDS.....\$1,550,000

Sterling
£1,500,000 at 2/—=\$15,000,000

Silver\$15,000,000

LIABILITIES OF PROPRIETORS \$15,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:

Hon. Mr. Henry Keswick, Chairman.
E. Goetz, Esq., Deputy Chairman.

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G. H. Medhurst, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:

Hongkong—J. R. M. SMITH.

MANAGER:

Shanghai—H. E. R. Hunter.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED:

On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.
per Annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 3 months, 2% per cent. per annum.

For 6 months, 3% per cent. per annum.

For 12 months, 4% per cent. per annum.

J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1908.

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HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted

by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3% per cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK for placement on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4% per cent. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1907.

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THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$1,200,000

RESERVE FUND.....\$1,475,000

LIABILITIES OF PROPRIETORS

TONS.....\$1,200,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNT at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months, 4% per cent.

No. 9, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong.

W. M. ANDERSON,
Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1908.

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NEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL MAATSCHAPPIJ.

(Netherlands Trading Society.)

ESTABLISHED 1824.

PAID-UP CAPITAL FL. 45,000,000 (\$1,750,000).

RESERVE FUND FL. 5,378,375

(about \$148,000).

Head Office—AMSTERDAM.

Head Agency—BATAVIA.

BRANCHES—Singapore, Penang, Shanghai,
Rangoon, Samarang, Sourabaya, Cheribon,
Tegal, Pecalongan, Paseorecan, Tjilatjap,
Padang, Medan (Deli), Palembang, Kota
Raja (Acheen), Bandjermasin.

Correspondents at Macassar, Bombay, Colombo,
Madras, Pondicherry, Calcutta, Bangkok,
Saigon, Haiphong, Hanoi, Amoy,
Yokohama, Kobe, Melbourne, Sydney,
New York, San Francisco, &c.

LONDON BANKERS:

THE UNION OF LONDON AND SMITH'S BANK.

LIMITED.

DEUTSCHE BANK (BERLIN), LONDON AGENCY.

DIREKTION DER DISCONTO GESELLSCHAFT.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Accounts 2% per annum on daily
balances.

Fixed Deposits 12 months 4% per annum.

Do. 6 do. 4% do.

Do. 3 do. 3½% do.

J. L. VAN HOUTEN,
Agent.

Hongkong, 18th November, 1907.

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Hotels.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

FIRST CLASS AND UP-TO-DATE.

Military Band during dinner on Saturday Nights.

Hongkong, 21st June, 1907.

A. F. DAVIES,
Manager.

CONNAUGHT HOTEL,

HONGKONG.

**A FIRST-CLASS EUROPEAN HOTEL,
SITUATED IN THE MAIN STREET NEAR THE BANKS AND PRINCIPAL OFFICES.
STRICTLY EUROPEAN MANAGEMENT.**

Wines and Spirits of the very Best Quality.
Baths to Every Room.

Hot and Cold Water Throughout.

Hotel Launch Meets all Steamers.

Special Terms for Tourists and Parties of Families.

FOR TERMS APPLY TO:

THE MANAGER & AGENT.

Mails.

**PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.**

ROUTE	STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON	REMARKS
MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	PALMA	About 12th Feb.	Freight only.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE & BORNEO	(Capt. G. W. Cockman, R.N.R.)	About 1st Mar.	Freight and Passage.
YOKOHAMA	(Capt. G. W. Gordon, R.N.R.)	Mar.	Passage.
LONDON and AMSTERDAM via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	SOCOTRA	About 6th March	Freight only.
	(Capt. W. R. Hickey)	March	
SHANGHAI	MARMORA	About 6th March	Freight and Passage.
LONDON, &c., via usual Ports	DELTA	7th March, Noon.	See Special Advertisement
MARSEILLE, LONDON and ANTWERP	NUBIA	About 11th March	Freight and Passage.
	(Capt. F. J. Fox)		

or Further Particulars, apply to:

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1908.

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Intimations.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

**THE REAL MACKENZIE WHISKY,
VERY SPECIAL LIQUEUR.**

\$21.00 PER DOZ. \$1.85 PER BOTTLE.

**CLAN MACKENZIE WHISKY,
OLD MATURED.**

\$14.00 PER DOZ. \$1.20 PER BOTTLE.

These Whiskies are prepared from the choicest ingredients, correctly distilled and aged in wood. It is the most perfect stimulant obtainable.

**SOLE AGENTS IN THE EAST—
LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.**

Telephone 97.

V. O. S.
AND
**EXTRA SPECIAL FINEST
LIQUEUR**

ARE THE BEST WHISKIES OBTAINABLE.

**CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO.,
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS,**

15, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1908.

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**X THE CITY OF PARIS,
PARISIAN DRESSMAKERS AND COURT MILLINERS,
2, PEDDER STREET, MADAME FLINT, MANAGERESS.**

Just Unpacked from Paris ex S.S. "Tonkin"

A LARGE LOT OF

NEW SPRING GOODS.

CHAMPAGNE.

G. H. MUMM & CO.

THE MOST POPULAR WINE

Can be had in the following qualities:

EXTRA DRY (Gout Americain).

BRUT (Cordon Rouge).

Sales in the United States exceed the total of all other Brands.

Served in all Clubs and First-class Hotels, and obtainable at all Wine Merchants in the Colony, and from Shewan, Tomes & Co., sole agents.

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THE MANAGER & AGENT.

THE MANAGER & AGENT.

Shipping—Steamers.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,

BREMEN.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINES.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERS, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP and HAMBURG	"KLEIST", Capt. Rud Meyer	WEDNESDAY, Noon, 26th Feb., 1908.
MANILA, NEWGUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"PRINZ SIGISMUND", Capt. v. Binzer	TUESDAY, 3 P.M., 3rd Mar., 1908.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"PRINZ LUDWIG", Capt. v. Binzer	About TUESDAY, 3rd Mar., 1908.
KUDAT and SANDAKAN	"BORNEO", Capt. F. Sembill	Middle of March.

For further particulars apply to—

**NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
MELCHERS & CO.,**

GENERAL AGENTS, HONGKONG & CHINA.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1908.

WEST RIVER BRITISH STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.

HONGKONG-WUCHOW LINE.

THE Steamers "LINTAN" and "SAN-U" SAIL FROM HONGKONG TWICE A WEEK AND COMPLETE THE ROUND TRIP IN 6 DAYS. These steamers have excellent Saloon Accommodation, and are lighted throughout by Electricity.

THE CLIMATE ON THE WEST RIVER DURING THE WINTER MONTHS IS VERY FINE AND EXHILARATING.

For further information apply to— BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS, WEST RIVER BRITISH S.S. COMPANIES.

Hongkong, 2nd November, 1907.

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HONGKONG, 22nd October, 1907.

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Intimation.

Powell's WHITE GOODS LINENS.

SHEETS:

Plain, per pair,	
2 x 3 yds., \$12.50 to \$25.00	
2 x 3½ yds., \$14.50 to \$30.00	
Hemstitched,	
2 x 3 yds., \$18.50 to \$35.00	
2 x 3½ yds., \$21.50 to \$45.00	

PILLOW CASES:

Plain,—	\$12.50 to \$37.50 per doz.
Frilled,—	\$2.75 to \$16.75 per pair
Hemstitched,—	\$2.75 to \$21.50 per pair

TOWELS:

Huckback, Hemmed,—	\$5.75 to \$11.50 doz.
Hemstitched,—	\$6.00 to \$21.50 doz.
Fringed,—	\$6.75 to \$18.50 doz.
Diaper and Damask Towels,—	\$10.50 to \$27.50 doz.

TABLE LINEN:

2 x 2 Yds. from \$0.75 each	
2 x 2½ " 8.50 "	
2 x 3 " 10.50 "	
2 x 3½ " 10.75 "	
2 x 8 " 12.50 "	
2 x 3½ " 15.00 "	
2 x 4 " 15.00 "	
2 x 4½ " 16.50 "	
2 x 5 " 19.50 "	

Serviettes to match:

ALL LINEN
TABLING2 and 2½ Yards by any Length
From \$1.25 per yard.

POWELL'S ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS, DES VŒUX ROAD, and 28, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1908.

Public Companies

HONGKONG AND WHAMPoa DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of the Company, Queen's Buildings, New Praya, on MONDAY, the 24th February, 1908, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1907.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 24th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary,
Hongkong, 26th January, 1908. [176]

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Members of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on MONDAY, the 24th February, 1908, at 4 P.M., in the City Hall, for the following purposes, viz.:—

- To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1907.
- To elect a New Committee.
- To consider the following Resolution:—"That in consequence of the importance of the trade existing between this port and Bombay it is resolved under Rule XXIII to increase the number of the Committee from 9 to 10 so as to include a Merchant interested in the "Bombay trade."
- To transact any general business.

By Order,
E. A. M. WILLIAMS,
Secretary,
Hongkong, 14th February, 1908. [222]

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the NINETEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, on TUESDAY, the 25th February, 1908, at 1.45 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 12th February, to TUESDAY, the 25th February (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON-HOOPER,
Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.,
Agents for the Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1908. [225]

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE EIGHTY-THIRD ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company, will be held at the Office of the Company, Hotel Mansions, on TUESDAY, the 25th February, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, confirming the appointment of a Director and electing Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 25th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. E. CLARKE,
Secretary,
Hongkong, 4th February, 1908. [193]

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the General Managers at 11.30 A.M., on MONDAY, 2nd March to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1907, and the Report of the General Managers.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 24th instant to the 2nd proximo, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 19th February, 1908. [138]

THE HONGKONG MILLING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Office, King's Buildings, at 12 o'clock Noon, on SATURDAY, the 7th March, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1907.

A. H. RENNIE & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 20th February, 1908. [241]

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned at 12.30 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 10th March.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 25th inst. to the 10th proximo, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 17th February, 1908. [233]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

PORTLAND CEMENT.

In Casks of 375 Bd. net \$6.00 per Cask
ex Factory

In Bags of 250 Bd. net \$8.00 per Bag
ex Factory

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 20th February, 1908. [233]

CARPE DIEM.

There's a merry tune in the bells to-day,
And an undertone of gloom:
Joy, be glad, it seems to say—
Yonder's the quiet tomb.

Musio along the valley flows,
Mildly shedding around;
But comes ever the dread recurring note—
Like a death-knell's warning sound.

'Tis the song of man's life, this song of the bells,
Be happy, enjoy, the sun—
Rejoice-in-the-day, its message tells,
Soon, soon must that day be done.

—Pall Mall Gazette.

MARK TWAIN AT A "PUNCH" DINNER.

"IT BROKE ME ALL UP."

What happens at the "Wednesday" dinners of "Mr. Punch" is usually reserved for those posthumous volumes of recollection which so often fail because the contents have been kept too long in bottle. Mr. Clemens has just revealed in a speech to the Lotus Club of New York the way in which the famous paper fitted him when he was over here last autumn: "had we call the report from the "New York Tribune." Mark was giving off a string of the greatest compliments that had ever been paid him, and among them was the following:—

It was at a dinner given in the building of the "Punch" publication, a humorous paper which is appreciated by all Englishmen. It was the greatest privilege ever allowed a foreigner. I entered the dining room of the building, where those men get together who have been running the paper for over fifty years. We were about to begin dinner when the toastmaster said: "Just a minute, there ought to be a little ceremony." Then there was that mediating silence for a while, and out of a closet there came a beautiful little girl dressed in pink, holding in her hand a copy of the previous week's paper, which had in it my cartoon. It broke me all up. I could not even say "Thank you." That was the prettiest incident of the dinner, the delight of all that wonderful table. When she was about to go, I said: "My child, you are not going to leave me; I have hardly got acquainted with you." She replied: "You know I've got to go; they never let me come in here before, and they never will again." That is one of the beautiful incidents that I cherish.

MARK AND THE LONDON POLICE.

Mr. Twain spoke feelingly of his hospitable reception everywhere in that country. He said:—

Why, the policemen knew me everywhere, and I considered it a very high compliment indeed. Those policemen in London would not only salute me, but would put up their puissant hands and patrulate the comers and corners of the city just to let me cross the street.

It is no flattery to Mr. Clemens to remark that he was worth it; and if he lived over here, London would stop its traffic every day to let him walk past, and think it a bargain.—Pall Mall Gazette.

ANOTHER ANTI-CHINESE RIOT.

IN CANADA.

There has been another anti-Chinese outbreak in Canada. From latest Canadian papers to hand by the last mail we gather that, at Lethbridge, the interior of the Columbia restaurant was partly wrecked one evening last month and the windows of nearly every other Chinese restaurant were smashed by a mob of several hundred persons. The affair took place quite suddenly and the windows of the Alberta restaurant and Joe-Fong's were assailed for the mounted police, a number of whom promptly arrived, cleared the premises and arrested several of the mob, but not until a Chinaman or two had been roughly handled. A police patrol cleared the street and went down to protect Quong-Wong's place near the post office. Meanwhile a portion of the mob slipped round to the Baroness Road and smashed the front of a Chinese restaurant near the Arlington. The mounted police came over and in a few minutes nothing was to be seen of any mob.

Shortly after seven o'clock last night the rumour spread that Harry Smith, a well-known and popular rancher from Little Cow, had died at the hospital from the effects of a blow with a hammer struck by a Chinaman in a Chinaman restaurant. As a matter of fact, Harry Smith was quite well and enjoying a social evening with a Christmas party. The fact was not known, however, and the rumour was believed. The Chinaman who had struck him was arrested and put in jail, but this fact also was unknown and an indignant, angry mob gathered in front of the restaurant and there was talk of lynching. Doors were open, counters and tables overturned and any Chinamen who could be caught were roughly treated. Simultaneously a portion of the crowd smashed the windows of neighbouring Chinese restaurants. No goods were taken and the shelves were undisturbed at the restaurants. Beyond breaking windows, but little actual damage was done though there were a lot of badly scared Chinamen fleeing wildly to cover.

Mayor Gilchrist was early on the scene and called on the good citizens to disperse and go to their homes. Magistrate Humphreys, when a portion of the crowd visited the Quon-Sang restaurant on Ford street, persuaded those on evil bent that Quon-Sang had never been a good citizen and that he had never given any trouble, and the mob acting on his advice dispersed.

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COLD STORAGE.

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LTD., have now 40,000 Cubic feet of COLD STORAGE available at EAST POINT. Stores will be open at 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. daily Sunday excepted, to receive and deliver perishable goods.

WM. PARLANE,
Manager.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1908. [240]

Intimations.

THE TRUTH ALWAYS.

"When you are in doubt tell the truth." It was an experienced old diplomat who said this to a beginner in the work. It may pass in some things, but not in business. Fraud and deception are often profitable so long as concealed; yet detection is certain sooner or later; then comes the smash-up and the punishment. The best and safest way is to tell the truth all the time. Thus you make friends that stick by you, and a reputation that is always worth twenty shillings to the pound—everywhere your goods are offered for sale. We are able modestly to affirm, that it is on this basis that the world-wide popularity of

WAMPOLE'S PREPARATION

rests. The people have discovered that this medicine is exactly what it is said to be, and that it does what we have always declared it will do. Its nature also has been frankly made known. It is palatable as honey and contains, all the nutritive and curative properties of Pure Cod Liver Oil, extracted by us from fresh cod livers, combined with the Compound Syrup, of Hypophosphites and the Extracts of Malt and Wild Cherry. A combination of supreme excellence and medicinal merit. Nothing has been so successful in Anemia, Scrofula, Bronchitis, Influenza, Loss of Flesh and Wasting Diseases, Weakness and Low Nervous Tone, and all complaints caused by Impure Blood.

Dr. Austin D. Irvine, of Canada, says: "I have used it in cases where cow liver oil was indicated but could not be taken by the patient, and the results following were very gratifying." It is effective from the first dose and agrees with the most sensitive and nervous stomachs. It cannot deceive or disappoint you, and comes to the rescue of those who have received no benefit from any other treatment. It stands for the medicinal triumphs of the age.

"Watch carefully against imitations." Sold by chemists throughout the world.

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Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1852.

CHEMISTS,
by APPOINTMENT TO
HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR
AND HOUSEHOLD.

DEPOT FOR
THE FINE PRODUCTS
OF
BURROUGHS WELLCOME & Co.,
LONDON.

'TABLOID' BRAND PRODUCTS.
'SOLOW' BRAND PRODUCTS.
'KEPLER' MALT EXTRACT.
'KEPLER' SOLUTION OF COD LIVER
OIL IN MALT EXTRACT.

BEEF AND IRON WINE (B.W. & Co.)

DARTRING LANOLINE PREPARA-
TIONS.

HAZELINE, "HAZELINE CREAM,
"HAZELINE SNOW," &c., &c., &c.

'TABLOID' MEDICINE CHESTS, AND
POCKET MEDICINE CASES.

The Fine Products of BURROUGHS
WELLCOME & Co., are prescribed by
leading Physicians all over the World.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED,

CHEMISTS AND DRUGGISTS,
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1908.

bank of lights on the shore blinding the eye of the navigator, and he suggested a red guiding light on Blackhead's Point. In conversation with Mr. Law, however, I gathered that the shipping community did not want ships arriving after dark." It is a well known fact that, with the exception of vessels from Canton and Macao, skippers do not evince any anxiety to arrive at Hongkong after dark, and those who have travelled by the mail lines are aware that either an accelerated speed is employed to bring a mail vessel into Hongkong harbour before dusk, or the engines are slowed down so that the vessel may reach Hongkong in the early hours of the morning after the sun has risen. The question would, therefore, appear to be of more importance to the Admiralty than to the general shipping community of the port, and that fact should be kept strictly in mind when the subject is being discussed in committee. If the subject is of paramount importance to the Navy then the Navy should bear the brunt of the cost, for it is perfectly certain that if it had been a question affecting the mercantile marine the representatives of the shipping firms in Hongkong would have been called upon to defray, in one way or another, the expense of the additional facilities required for the safety of vessels entering the port of Hongkong." Fortunately in appointing Mr. Keswick the Chamber of Commerce have elected a member who is able to express the views of the shipping community tersely and to the point, without that circumlocution which defeats its own purpose. The mercantile marine cannot afford to be penalised for the benefit of the Navy, no matter how much we value the presence of the Navy and its personnel in this Colony. The suggestion that there should be a red guiding light on Blackhead's Point will probably mean little or no additional expense to the Colony, but in these days when money is scarce and the Government has to look at every dollar twice before deciding to spend it, the representative of the Chamber of Commerce on the official committee appointed to look into the question cannot be too watchful in safeguarding the interests of his constituents.

JUNK BAY FLOUR.

ALLEGED TAMPERING WITH
BAGS.

"STOCKS" ASKED FOR BOATWOMAN.

At the Police Court, this morning, Mr. H. H. J. Gomperts, first police magistrate, presiding, the mistress of a cargo-boat, by name Chan Tseng—a woman of about forty years of age—who has for some time past been engaged in removing goods from ship to shore and vice versa for the Hongkong Milling Company, figured in the dock, with her young babe in her arms, on a charge of stealing twenty-conts worth of flour and thirty cents' worth of wheat from the company, yesterday.

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the indictment.

R. Yonede, a Japanese, who is assistant manager of the Junk Bay Flour Mills, stated that at about half-past three o'clock yesterday afternoon he was in the reading room of the mill, which is above the offices, and, while happening to look out of the window, he saw the defendant cut open a bag of flour, empty part of the contents in a bowl, and stitched up the bag again. When witness boarded the junk to question her he saw the woman hid the bowl under some matting. He had the junk searched, and in a cabin under the bed he found a paifull of wheat. Witness concluded his evidence by stating that numerous complaints had been made to the office about short weight in each bag of flour. His Worship—How do you import wheat in bulk or in bags?

Witness—in bags.

That concluded the evidence for the prosecution.

Defendant (in her defence) stated that during transportation several bags of flour were broken. She decided to sew up the bags and as each bag was so tightly filled she had to take out a quantity of flour from each bag in order to do the work. As regards the wheat, she said it was sweepings which she had removed from the hold of the junk.

A foki in the employ of the defendant was next called. He said that altogether four bags of flour were broken during transportation yesterday, caused by the bags, while being thrown into the hold, coming in contact with the corner of the hatchway. This, he said, was witnessed by the foreman of the mills—in Chinaman—who called on the defendant to sew up the bags. That was all he knew of the matter.

His Worship (to defendant)—Have you any questions to ask the witness?

Mr. A. H. Rennie, who had been watching the case for the Milling Company, at this stage got up and asked for a severe penalty, adding that this business—of bronching cargo—had been going on for a year and a half.

His Worship (to Mr. Rennie).—The case is not yet finished.

As the defendant had no questions to ask the witness, His Worship called for an empty flour bag and a knife. Then he spread the bag on his desk and attempted to rip it, without result.

Mr. Rennie stated that it was hard to cut an empty flour bag, but easy with a full one.

Three other witnesses were then called for the defence, all of whom gave corroborative evidence, after which Mr. Yonede, the prosecutor, was re-called.

His Worship—Are there many bags broken during transit?

Mr. Yonede—Yes.

And have you anybody appointed to sew up these bags?—No.

Did the defendant have any authority to sew up these bags?—No.

What do you do then in the case of broken bags?—According to orders all broken bags are to be returned to the mills and new ones furnished. We never ship broken bags.

Mr. Rennie then addressed the Court, suggesting that a heavy penalty—as severe as possible—should be inflicted. The company, he said, had been put to lots of expense, and the police called there every night looking for such offenders, but without any results. He said that hundreds of complaints had been made and thousands of bags of his flour had been returned from Swatow and Amoy owing to short weight. It was detrimental to the business and he suggested that, as an example, "the old lady should be placed in the stocks."

His Worship—I never put women in the stocks.

A sentence of six weeks' imprisonment was passed.

A STRONG rumour is going round that Admiral Sir A. Moore, who is being succeeded by Sir Hedworth Lambton, in the command of the China Station, may take over the command of the Channel Fleet in the event of Lord Charles Bresford remaining on "long leave." Lord Charles is at present laid up with an attack of gout, but is progressing. His Lordship declines to make any statement as to his possible retirement. A statement to which prominence is given in a Portsmouth paper says the only reason that is likely to cause Lord Charles to haul down his flag prematurely would be his removal to the Admiralty as First Sea Lord, in place of Sir John Fisher. The retirement of the latter in March may be expected, and his successor will in all probability be either the present Commander-in-Chief of the Channel Fleet or the Admiral of the Fleet, Sir A. K. Wilson. If the former, then the command of the Fleet will be given to Admiral Sir A. Moore.—L. & C. Express.

NOTIFICATION appears in the Gazette over the signature of the Registrar of Companies that managers, secretaries, and other officers of companies whose duty it is to furnish annual returns of shareholders, (Form E) are requested in future to cause to be added to the names of Chinese shareholders appearing in the returns the Chinese characters for such names.

AT St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, to-morrow, there will be an administration of Holy Communion at 8 a.m. The Right Rev. the Bishop of Victoria will preach at the 11 a.m. service (which is 'C. of E.' party of the Cameron Highlanders attend as their "parade service"); and at 6 p.m. Evening prayer, the preacher will be the Rev. T. Sherwood Jones, M.A., Vicar of St. Martin's, Liverpool, and temporary domestic Chaplain to the Bishop of Victoria.

THE Nagasaki Press, of 5th inst., says:—

Considerable excitement was caused among the floating population of Nagasaki by the appearance off Kozaki yesterday afternoon of a large whale. The animal had evidently lost its bearings and remained in the vicinity of the oil tanks for some time, during which a large number of people gathered. An eyewitness states that one of the small steamers engaged in the coasting trade narrowly escaped colliding with the animal. A brief excursion to Peipingburg was followed by a further period of indecision, after which the whale appeared to have discovered the right exit to the open sea and was seen no more.

When H.M.S. Flora stranded in Hung-ham Bay it was alleged that the casualty was due to the confusion caused by the multitude of lights along both sides of the harbour, whereby the navigating officer mistook the precise position of the vessel. The new range of lights along the Kowloon seaboard was specially cited as a distracting influence on navigators, who otherwise knew the harbour as a landmark known Queen's Road. As the result of the inquiry into that accident, the Government decided in November last to nominate a small committee for the purpose of considering proposals for the improved lighting of Hongkong harbour, and in November last the Colonial Secretary sent a letter to the Chamber of Commerce requesting that a member should be appointed to represent the shipping interest on the committee in question. A month later the Chamber met and appointed the Hon. Mr. H. Keswick to the vacancy. Mr. A. R. Lowe, who then occupied the position of secretary to the Chamber of Commerce, in communicating the desire of the members to Mr. Keswick that he should represent them on the Government committee, wrote: "It may be of service to you to know that just after the grounding of H.M.S. Flora, Capt. Pybus of the Empress Line informed me that this harbour was one of the worst in the world in which to enter at night, by reason of the

CANTON DAY BY DAY.

FIRE.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 20th February. At 9 p.m. yesterday a fire broke out in a foreign cloth goods store in Wai Oi Street, in front of the Kwangchow Prefect's yamen building. During the time of the outbreak, the wind was blowing very strongly, and six buildings were burnt to the ground in a very short space of time. At about 11 p.m. the fire started again with the result that another four buildings in the same neighbourhood were gutted.

GOVERNO OF KWANGSI.

A Kwangsi telegram states that H.E. Ching Ming-chi, Governor of that province, has arrived at Lungchow on his tour of inspection.

WATERWAYS PATROLLING.

Admiral Li Chun has satisfactorily carried out the arrangements concerning the patrol of the waterways of the West River and now his attention is drawn to the patrolling of the entrance of the three passes, Ngaimoon, Motomou and Wangmou, which lead from the China Sea into the interior of the province into the districts of Ilungshan and Sanui on either side. H.E. Li has obtained permission from the high authorities to place a few gunboats on each of these passes for cruising purposes. This step is taken to prevent smuggling by way of these passes into the interior of the province.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS RESUMED.

The official seals of the different yamens were to-day re-opened and the transaction of public business will be conducted as usual in all the yamens.

CHINESE LAUNCHES.

Yesterday a meeting was held at the head office of the Canton Chinese Steam-launch Owner's Association for the purpose of taking further action in inducing the owners to change their colours to the Chinese national flag. There were present Admiral Li Chun, Mr. Cheung Yuen-pan, the recently appointed assistant surveyor of machinery of Chinese launches, the Kwangchow Prefect and other officials, who all encouraged the owners to change their flags at an early date, and promised to assist them in every respect.

CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

Although the Canton-Hankow Railway Company of Canton has been opened for about two years, with capital collected to the amount of over \$8,000,000, the first instalment, the Company has not yet been registered at the Ministry of Posts and Communications, the Ministry of Agriculture, Industry and Commerce at Peking, as the Canton Nine Charitable Institutions were the promoters of the company and the company is entirely under mercantile management. When Sir Chentung Liang Cheng took over the presidency of the Company, he applied to the officials of the Ministry of Posts and Communications to have the company registered. Yesterday a telegraphic reply was received from the Ministry by Sir Chentung sanctioning the request and also instructing the Company to, at an early date, collect the second instalment of the capital. The same telegram informs the Company of the Imperial sanction of the appointment of Mr. Lo Po-shun as vice-president of the Company.

MACAO'S BOUNDARIES.

A Peking telegram states that the Imperial Government has already appointed a special envoy to proceed South to investigate and fix definitely the boundary line between Chinese territory and the Portuguese colony of Macao, NEW COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

The official building on the Tien Tze wharf is now being got ready for the reception of the newly appointed Commander-in-chief of Kwangtung, Chün Ping-chik, who is expected to arrive from Yunnan shortly.

21st February.

CHINESE TRANSPORTING BUREAU.

The Viceroy of Chihli has appointed Mr. Liang Yin Tsang to take charge of the Government Transporting Bureau (the "un Po Chu") that will be opened at Hongkong in connection with the northern province.

FIRE.

With reference to the outbreak of fire reported yesterday it is stated that the buildings destroyed were mostly covered by insurance.

DEAR RICE.

The price of rice has risen considerably; \$100 can only procure about 15 catties of the first and about 18 of the inferior quality. The general public opinion is that a famine will inevitably take place shortly. The Viceroy has received several letters from individuals requesting him to devise means to assist the people in the same manner as was done last year.

REVOLUTIONARY LEADERS.

Besides the offer of \$20,000 by the authorities for the capture of the revolutionary leader, Dr. Sun Yat-sen, a sum of \$15,000 has been offered for the apprehension of Chan King-wah, \$10,000 for Wong Wo-chin and \$10,000 for Leung San-chun, who are Dr. Sun's accomplices.

WIRELESS APPARATUS.

The Canton authorities have again ordered, through a foreign firm, a quantity of wireless telegraphy materials and instruments which are expected to arrive here by the third Chinese moon.

M. CHARLES HARDOUIN, for many years Consul for France in Canton, and who had been sent by the Governor-General of Indo-China to inquire into the opium question, has just returned to Saigon. The Governor-General intends to put down opium-smoking in the Colony, so that M. Hardouin's inquiries were directed to find out what lessons China can teach on this point. M. Hardouin has nothing but praise for the hospitals, asylums, and refuges established in China for the cure of opium smokers, and urges the starting of similar establishments in the Colony. This is all very well, remarks the *Saigon Opinion*, but it will cost a lot of money, and the colonial finances cannot stand the outlay.

Telegram.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

SHANGHAI WATCH CLUB.

IVOR THOMAS ACQUITTED.

JUDGE DESCRIBES CLUB AS A SWINDLE.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, 22nd February,

11.25 a.m.

At the resumption of the trial, for the fifth day, of Ivor Thomas in connection with the Shanghai Watch Club, the jury intimated that they had arrived at a verdict.

Nevertheless, the judge permitted the Crown Advocate to deliver his address to the jury.

His Lordship, in summing up, characterised the Watch Club as a swindle and described Mr. Black's estimate of the profits as one of the most impudent documents he had ever seen.

Mr. Black, he said, had sold out at the psychological moment.

The jury, without retiring, returned a verdict of not guilty.

His Lordship, in discharging the defendant, remarked that he concurred in the verdict of the jury.

Ivor Thomas, of 41 Haining Road was indicted as follows:—

That he Ivor Thomas and one H. J. Black (a citizen of the United States) being evil disposed persons and wickedly devising and intending to defraud and prejudice certain persons hereinbefore mentioned did on the 12th November 1907 and on other days thereafter between the said last mentioned day and the 18th day January 1908 at Shanghai unlawfully fraudulently and deceitfully amongst themselves conspire combine confederate and agree together by diverse false pretences to obtain and acquire to themselves of and from such Chinese and foreigners resident in Shanghai and Ningpo as should be induced to buy shares or chances in a certain company or association known as the Watch Club of divers large sums of money and to cheat and defraud them thereof against the peace of Our Lord the King his Crown and Dignity.

In answer to this charge, accused pleaded not guilty.

A second charge read as follows:—That he the said Ivor Thomas in pursuance of and according to the said conspiracy combination confederacy and agreement as aforesaid did act as the manager of the Shanghai Watch Club and did receive various sums of money from Chinese and foreigners resident in the said Shanghai Watch Club and did issue receipts for the said sums of money as manager thereof in form as though the said Shanghai Watch Club was a sound financial undertaking able out of its assets to meet its liabilities as was not the fact to the great damage of the said Chinese and foreigners buying shares or chances as aforesaid and against the peace of Our Lord the King his Crown and Dignity.

In answer to the second charge, accused said:—"I was the manager of the Watch Club, but I am not guilty of any fraud."

The Crown Advocate (Mr. H. P. Wilkinson), charged by Mr. S. H. McKean, prosecuted, and Mr. T. Morgan-Phillips, assisted by Mr. R. A. Frost, defended the accused. Lieut. Col. Bruce, Captain-Superintendent of the S. M. Police, was present during the proceedings. Inspector Matheson represented the police in the conduct of the case.

THE JURY EMANELLED—FINES AND CHALLENGES.

The empaneling of the jury took place after the reading of the indictment. On the names of those summoned being called out there were three absences, viz. Messrs. F. E. Hodges, P. Peebles and E. L. Allen, each of whom was fined £5. Eleven names were called out by the Registrar of the Court for service as jurors, six of whom were challenged by the Crown Advocate. Their names were:—Messrs. J. C. Carter, S. Spooner, F. G. Payne, G. V. T. Marshall, J. T. Smith and E. R. Palmer, and the Crown Advocate's challenges were all sustained. The jury was then empanelled and sworn in as follows:—Messrs. C. Alderton, E. Moller, H. T. Allen, A. M. Maclean and A. A. Penny.

THE CROWN ADVOCATE'S ADDRESS.

In his opening address to the jury the Crown Advocate said that

Telegrams.

[Reuters.]

Great Britain and the United States.

London, 20th February.

Washington advises that a draft treaty, providing for a joint Commission to adjudicate on existing minor claims of the British and United States Governments, and of their respective citizens, has been delivered to Mr. Bryce for the consideration of Great Britain.

Later.

Japan in Manchuria.

The Washington report that President Roosevelt, at the instance of China, is about to issue a protest against the policy of Japan in Manchuria, is emphatically denied.

It is declared that Japan's control of Manchuria is more hurtful to Great Britain, Germany, and other nations whose trade in the Orient is larger than that of America.

A protest from these would not surprise the United States, but would only receive the latter's moral support.

It is admitted that the United States is losing its foothold in the Orient, owing largely to Governmental interference with the railways, which is leading to a discontinuance of certain trades.

DEATH OF MR. E. DE BAVIER.

The N.C. Daily News of 18th inst. says:—The news of the tragic death of Mr. E. de Bavier, head of the firm of Messrs. E. Bavier & Co., yesterday came as a great shock to the business community of Shanghai amongst whom his fine intellect and attractive personality had made for him many warm friends.

Business was proceeding as usual when about 1.30 p.m. Mr. de Bavier's No. 1 boy dashed into the office and announced that his master had shot himself. Messrs. E. M. Berthel and H. J. Burhardt at once entered Mr. de Bavier's private house, which is attached to the office premises at 42 Szechuen Road, and made their way to Mr. de Bavier's bedroom. Mr. Berthel, who was the first to enter, found Mr. Bavier lying in bed on his back, with a revolver in his right hand. Although the pulse was still beating Mr. Bavier died almost immediately.

The deceased was transacting some business about a quarter of an hour before the boy heard the report of the discharge of a revolver. The servant states that he heard two shots fired. Later in the day the Coroner's officer, in Mr. G. W. King's presence, found two bullets, one immediately behind the bed and the second on the floor in the far corner of the room. The first shot may have gone through the left hand, tip-corner of the pillow, as it was pierced and blackened, while the second entered the left side of neck-and-mind and passed out through the top of the head.

About six weeks ago Mr. de Bavier asked Mr. Berthel, one of the principal members of his staff, to lend him a revolver, saying that he was going on a houseboat trip with a friend and they might do some shooting at targets they would put up for amusement. Mr. Berthel loaned his chief a Colt army service revolver and twenty cartridges, telling him that if he wanted to get more cartridges he should purchase them. When Mr. de Bavier asked for the revolver Mr. Berthel looked at him and Mr. de Bavier remarked:—"What are you looking at me for; do you think I want to kill myself?" They both laughed and the weapon was handed over. The houseboat trip did not take place and as Mr. de Bavier was unwell the revolver was not returned. About 10.30 a.m. yesterday Mr. Berthel went to Mr. de Bavier's room and he was then in bed. They talked on business matters. The revolver case was then in the room.

Ernest de Bavier was a Swiss residing in Shanghai under British protection. He was a well-known and highly-respected business man in Shanghai and the Far East generally. He first came to China about forty years ago and was a partner in the firm of Bavier Meyer and Co., exporters of silk, hides, goat skins &c. After spending about ten years in the East Mr. de Bavier went to Europe and he started a business house in Lyons in conjunction with his brother who had a business in Yokohama. In 1888 or 1890 Mr. de Bavier returned to China and continued to direct the business of Bavier, Meyer and Co. In 1896 the firm was styled E. Bavier and Co. and deceased was sole partner up to the date of his death.

Mr. de Bavier made frequent trips to Europe in recent years, spending much time at German watering places; only last October he returned to Shanghai after a holiday of seven months in Europe. For some years he had been suffering from kidney trouble and Dr. von Schwab was his medical attendant in Shanghai. He had been confined to his bed for the past two or three days; he was frequently consulted on business matters and his actions were perfectly natural even within an hour of his death, although he was very depressed. Heavy pecuniary losses, it is to be feared were the immediate cause of his sad end. The recent failure of several silk houses at Lyons had seriously embarrassed his firm, while large investments in hides had proved an additional incubus.

The Coroner, Mr. C. W. King, opened an inquest yesterday afternoon and adjourned it until Wednesday at 2.30 p.m.

BARON TAKAHIRA, the new Japanese Ambassador to Washington, in the course of an interview on his arrival on 16th inst. at New York, declared that the voyage of the United States fleet was exclusively an American affair, demonstrative to the world of American power. The war scare was a creation of the Press, and found no credence in Japan. The United States fleet has passed Valparaiso.

GENERAL SICKESSEL.

Oh is it true that Sicksel has to die,
After so many months, have all gone by?
And what a death! No stirring notes to call
All comrades to the spot where heroes fall.
No. Standard draped, no sacredly wreathed
bier,

No. Nation's crowning proof of love: no tear,
No muffled drums to give their sad farewell,
No earthly sight on which the thoughts would
dwell;

Naught but the desolation of the tomb.
And widow's bleeding heart to deepen gloom,
Naught, but God's Mercy—Ah, that brightens
all!

And throws a halo where the worst ones fall.
From such a scene I turn to talk awhile.

Oh, let me with kind words thine ears beguile,
Until they reach and penetrate thy Soul,

Take full possession, and by love control

Thy trusty self, and so reverse the plan

Of taking thy son's life, a soldier, man.

For all the good that's in him let him die,"

Some patriot in anger doth reply.

Would that I could myself the death blow deal,

What care I for our country's woe or weal?

Abandoned did he say for to save life,

A awful moe, a murderous strife.

The thought that doth engender such a plea

Is worthy of no soldier nor of me:

And now, Madam, waste not thy precious time
In framing words which—well may do, for
rhyme.

Now thou hast had thy say, Sir, let me speak,

And tell thee what my heart doth truly seek.

We know, 'tis true, he failed to gain for thee

And for the pride of thy posterity,

Honour and fame and wondrous world-renown

And in the dreaded dust laid thy bright Crown.

What heart has not at times sorrowed with
thee?

Thy bravest and thy noblest joyfully

Gave up their all each day, each passing hour,

So that thou might retain thy strength and
power.

And thou didst well of that we are convinced.

None could have borne it better and not
winced.

Yet that I will own it has been truly said

That not until we have with sorrow wed

Can we attain to heights sublime and true,

Where we see how to live and what to do.

Now, thou hast alled sorrow, and I know,

By all the many things I see and know,

That thou art coming fast to that grand height

Where life is viewed in God's own hallowed

light.

Where hearts and minds are moulded well
to do

His infinite unchanged will below.

Now if thou takest Sicksel's life what then?

Will that restore to the thy fallen men?

Give thee back all the wealth and all the tears,

Which have seemed so much wasted these last
years?

Nay, nay, it cannot alter things a bit,

Nor strengthen thee, nor make thee feel more
fit

To climb the heights which love shows thee
to-day,

And would lead thee triumphant on thy way.

Spare him! He surrendered, yet who can tell

But that he saved lives which shall serve thee
well

In future need. Forgive him, with that mind

Which was implanted once in all mankind.

And which thou hast retained, for where is he

That can, outdo thee in true charity?

How do I know? Ah, actions always tell,

Or nearly so, what in man's heart doth dwell,

And do believe me, at this very time

Thou canst step toward and reach the sublime.

Now I have finished. Will thou argue more

Over the example Sicksel placed before

Thy ranks of fighting men, and grieve again?

Listen! Forgive! Thou shalt have no more
pain.

Love conquers; it will sink like dew and rain,
And bring thee richer life, thy highest gain!

Hankow, February 10th, 1908.

—Shanghai Mercury.

THE SOONHEE COTTON SPINNING LTD.

Report for presentation to the shareholders at the thirteenth ordinary meeting, to be held at the offices of Messrs. Arnhold, Karberg & Co., on Tuesday, 10th March, 1908, at 3 p.m.

The general manager submits a statement of accounts for the twelve months ending 31st December, 1907.

The Directors exceedingly regret the unfortunate result of the year's working, but it must be borne in mind that prices of Yarn have fallen approximately Tls. 10.00 to Tls. 12.00 per bale since the beginning of 1907, as a consequence of which several of our customers had to suspend payment, and the company were obliged to resell the yarn at a corresponding loss, which aggregates Tls. 27,756.50. As the outlook was very gloomy all through the summer, the mill was put on reduced production, thereby naturally some what increasing the cost of production per bale.

The balance at credit of profit and loss account at the close of the year after allowing for interest, directors' and auditor's fees and general manager's commission, amounts to Tls. 26,129.17, which the directors propose to deal with as follows:

To write off 1% for depreciation

of Machinery.....Tls. 27,153.04

To write off 10% for depreciation

of Furniture.....286.50

To write off 2% for depreciation

of Building.....6,999

absorbing altogetherTls. 24,231.53

leaving a balance of Tls. 1,897.74 to be carried forward to New Account.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

In accordance with Rule 12 of the Articles of Association, two members of the Board, Messrs. Woo Saw Chin and Ho Hien Chuen, retire by rotation, but are eligible for re-election.

AUDITOR.

Mr. E. Gericke, who has audited the accounts, offers himself for re-election.

R. LEMKE.

General Manager.

Hankow, 14th February, 1908.

THE KOWLOON RAILWAY.

SHANGHAI COMMENT.

The community of Hongkong has been exercised in mind for some time past on the subject of the railway that is now under construction to join at the boundary of the Colony the Kowloon-Canton Railway, conceded to the British and Chinese Corporation. It frequently happens in State affairs that considerable uncertainty prevails among the public regarding the circumstances of any given case, and all manner of rumours are circulated and are more or less generally believed. The Kowloon Railway has been no exception; a growing feeling of dissatisfaction with the progress of the work has manifested itself, and ultimately found expression in the action of the unofficial members of the Legislative Council in withholding consent to any further grants from the Colony's exchequer, until more information was forthcoming on the work and expenditure. In reply to this demand the Governor delivered a speech before the Council, in which he gave an interesting and exhaustive report on the whole undertaking. Apart from the special significance of the line to the British Colony, any form of railway extension in China is of great favour in China," said Mr. Brown last night. "The number of peace tributes that have been exchanged between the countries, and subsequently, have had the effect of removing the last vestige of feeling that Americans were antagonistic to the Chinese as represented by the better class. It is a fair statement that Chinese who have graduated from American colleges, are regarded with more favour than are those who have schooled in any other country. It has established a rating for American education that causes attendance here to be regarded with the greatest favour by young people who are to be aided by their government with scholarships.

"The action of several Eastern colleges of offering a number of free scholarships to Chinese has had great effect of adding to the esteem entertained for America by the educated Chinese and Chinese instructors. The number of institutions that have offered such free tuition is now a long one, recent additions being several state colleges in the East."

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CHINESE STUDENTS FOR AMERICA.

HEAVY PUSH OF STUDENTS

Information was brought to Seattle from China, says the local *Intelligencer*, that the Chinese empire may be expected to furnish a large number of students for American colleges and universities with a continuance of prevailing pleasant relations between the countries. J. H. Brown, who accompanied to America, a party of seven young Chinese for matriculation at Yale college, states that it is generally understood that fewer students for Japanese schools and more for American institutions will be the order of government subsidized scholarships in the future. Mr. Brown states that at least fifty young Chinese will come to this country to enter colleges within the next three months.

The party accompanied by Mr. Brown crossed on the steamer *Aki Maru*. Without exception they are sons of mandarins, who have attained distinction at polytechnic schools in Shanghai and Peking. The government furnishes an annual allowance of \$700 for the studies and expense of the student, any additional sum required being provided by relatives.

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COMMERCIAL.

WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

Reviewing the share business for the week, Messrs. E. S. Kadoorie & Co. write on 21st inst.—

The week has been devoid of any special feature, but rates generally have been well maintained, and keep fairly steady.

The Maatschappij tot Midden-Bosn Landbouwexploitaatie in Langkat, has declared an interim dividend of Tls. 1 per share, payable on the 16th prox. The transfer books close from the 8th to 16th prox.

Banks—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have sellers of Tls. 900 ex the final dividend of Tls. 10 on old and Tls. 100 on new shares paid on the 17th instant. The London rate weakened to Tls. 10.10 ex, 16d. ex dividend, during the early part of the week, but at the close, has improved to Tls. 10.78.

Marine Insurances.—Cantons are again on offer at \$2428, while North

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS ORDERS.

ALL UNITS.

Parade.—At headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, the 24th instant, for infantry drill. Sergt. Downes, 3rd Middlesex Regt., will attend.

ARTILLERY UNITS.

Parade.—At headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, the 26th instant, for Maxim gun drill. Sergt. Cook, R.G.A., will attend.

Parade.—At headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, the 28th instant, for Maxim gun drill. Sergt. Bassford, R.G.A., will attend.

ENGINEER COMPANY.

Parade.—At West Fort, Kowloon, at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, the 26th instant, for technical instructions.

TAIKOO DETACHMENT.

Parade.—At Taikoo at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, the 27th instant, for gun drill. Sergt. Cook, R.G.A., will attend.

MAXIM SHIELD COMPETITION.

Parade.—At Tai Hang Range at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, the 29th February, 1908, for the above competition.

Dress.—Khaki, khaki helmets (no badge), rifle, sidearms, two 10-round pouches and putties. Both Artillery Instructors will attend.

RESIGNED.

Gunner J. Friend is permitted to resign on leaving the Colony with effect from the 17th instant.

ORDERLY OFFICER.

For week ending Saturday, the 29th instant, Lieut. H. W. Kennett.

RIGHT HALF NO. 1 COMPANY.

Special Maxim gun drills will take place at headquarters for the above half company, on the following dates at 9 p.m., viz., 24th, 26th and 28th February, 1908. Sergt. Bassford, R.G.A., will attend.

It is notified for information that the shoot for Nicholson cup and Kenneit cup will take place at King's Park Range on Sunday, the 23rd instant, at 2.30 p.m.

LEAVE.

Gunner C. W. Bone is granted leave of absence out of the Colony for 12 months with effect from the 24th instant.

CHURCH PARADE.

Parade.—At headquarters at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, the 1st March, 1908.

Dress.—Service dress uniform, khaki helmet with badge, sidearms, waist belt and black boots.

RIGHT HALF NO. 2 COMPANY.

The third shoot for Subscription Cups 1907-8 will be held at Tai Hang Rifle Range on Sunday next, the 23rd instant. The 200 yards range will be closed at 9.30 a.m.

Any member who has not yet fired, in these competitions, can still take part in five shoots and so qualify for both cups. There are two cups in each class; one for the highest aggregate of five out of the seven shoots, and one for the best individual score up the range.

No ammunition will be supplied on the range, but can be obtained at Headquarters.

FORTY MILES OF FLAME.

DISASTROUS BUSH FIRE IN VICTORIA.

TWENTY THOUSAND ACRES OF GRASS DESTROYED.

SHEEP PERISH IN THOUSANDS.

The following from the Sydney D.T. of the latest available date, gives an account of one of the several disastrous bush fires which were recently reported by telegram:

Melbourne (Jan. 21) — 1 bush fire of great magnitude, having a face of 40 miles, is now raging in the Edenhope district. It has been burning for four days, and each day it has been increasing in power. It started on Kadnook Estate, about 12 miles from Edenhope, and is supposed to have originated at a swagman's fire. The flames yesterday came within five miles of Edesope, and penetrated along the Gleng. River-to-Dergholm, about 30 miles away. Kadnook was saved with difficulty, and several settlers lost all the grass in their paddocks and in some instances their sheds. In Power's Creek district a clean sweep was made. All the sheep, sheep dips etc., were destroyed. The fire raged through the scrub to Taliangowen Estate, and 20 men worked hard for six hours to save the homestead stacks. The flames burst through the garden and burnt up to the verandah before they were overcome by beaters. Some of the verandah posts were on fire. A party of fire-fighters, caught in the scrub, had to turn pumps on themselves and their horses to escape from the beat. Casual Estate was in great danger when the last bullet arrived. It is impossible now to reach it to render assistance. Around Dergholm the settlers are rushing into the river, to save themselves, and no effort is being made to save houses as the fires are too fierce. About 20,000 acres of grass was destroyed yesterday, also sheep in thousands, and a few cattle. Brougham Forest is ablaze, and the flames are approaching the town from the north. Fire fighters are out in every direction. Fires are reported from almost every part of the State. St. Mark's Church, at Emerald, was burnt to the ground through a bush fire raging in the district. It was a new building. Several small coaches have been compelled to turn back owing to fires sweeping along through timbered country on both sides of the road, and demolishing everything in front of them.

DOCK RETURN.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPoa DOCKS.

Neil McLeod..... 81 Kowloon Dock

Sorogon..... " "

Peria..... " "

Amigo..... " "

Gyakop..... " "

Shantung..... " "

Kelfong..... " "

Germany..... " "

Oscar II..... " "

Vancouver..... " "

Manila..... " "

Macassar..... " "

Shipping.

Arrivals.

Glenaloch, Br. s.s., 1,434 t. Hanisworth, 21st Feb.—Singapore, 14th Feb., Gen.—Job Tek Song.

Flintshire, Br. s.s., 2,476 t. Cundy, 21st Feb.—Yokohama, 9th Feb., and Shanghai, 16th, Gen.—T. & Co.

Singa, Br. s.s., 1,04 t. F. Jamieson, 2nd Feb.—Haiphong and Hoioh 20th Feb., Rice and Gen.—B. & S.

Jacob Diederichs, Ger. s.s., 623 t. Hansen, 22nd Feb.—Hoioh 20th Feb., Rice—J. & Co.

Chiyou, Ch. s.s., 1,17 t. C. Stewart, 22nd Feb.—Shanghai 10th Feb., Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Gregory A'car, Japan..... D. S. & Co. Feb. 25

Mongolia..... P. M. Co. Feb. 27

Indra, Br. s.s., 3,22 t. M. Macfarlane, 22nd Feb.—Shanghai, 9th Feb., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Ching Shing, Br. s.s., 1,100 t. Mooney, 22nd Feb.—Canton 22nd Feb., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Wingang, Br. s.s., 1,517 t. H. G. N. Walker, 22nd Feb.—Canton 22nd Feb., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Departures.

Devanha, for Europe.

Tambo Maru, for Japan.

Vancouver, for Newcastle.

Telemachus, for Singapore.

Nimbo, for Canton.

Lockin, for Bangkok.

Australia, for Rangoon.

Finch, for Bangkok.

Zafiro, for Manila.

Yuenlong, for Manila.

Antenor, for Singapore.

Trelough, for "aiphong."

Passengers arrived.

Per Glenaloch, from Singapore—oo Chinese.

Per Singa, from Haiphong, &c.—Mons and Madame Barbetti, Mons. and Mrs. Chabaux, and Mons. Sevier.

Passenger departed.

Per Kumano Maru, for Manila, &c.—Messrs. S. Miyoshi, T. Iwamasa, W. E. D. Cole, Dohen, E. Oizumi, Paquet, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Darby, N. A. Lau, Dr. T. Kitashima, Mr. T. Okhuma, Major Barnes, Misses Y. and R. Fearon, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Fearon, Miss M. and Master C. Fearon, Messrs. Max, Simon R. J. L. Wright and 2 daughters, Mrs. I. Morimoto, Messrs. J. Broksman, W. Idami, M. Kita, T. Saikai, A. de Lous, M. Rodriguez, J. R. Gutierrez, and Mr. and Mrs. Bremer.

Shipping Reports.

Str. Glenaloch, from Singapore—Strong N.E. monsoon encountered during voyage.

Str. Singa, from Haiphong and Hoioh—Strong monsoon and very high sea. Overcast and showery.

VESSELS IN PORT.

STRANGERS.

Amara, Br. s.s., 1,17 t. C. J. Mattock, 16th Feb.—Saigon 11th Feb., Rice—J. M. & Co.

Amigo, Ger. s.s., 822 t. N. J. Baltzer, 18th Jan.—Haiphong and Hoioh—17th Jan., Gen.—J. & Co.

Antilochus, Br. s.s., 5,766 t. G. D. Keay, 20th Feb.—Liverpool 1st Jan., and Manila 17th Feb., Gen. B. & S.

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Cheon Shing, Br. s.s., 1,266 t. F. Wheeler, 19th Feb.—Canton 18th Feb., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Chunshang, Br. s.s., 1,427 t. Sawyer, 13th Feb.—Sourabaya and Feb., Sugar—J. M. & Co.

Derwent, Br. s.s., 1,556 t. Jenkins, 15th Feb.—Saigon 11th Feb., Rice—Chinese.

Druif, Nor. s.s., 1,102 t. Bing, 18th Feb.—Bangkok 10th Feb., Rice—N. Y. K.

Elgin, Br. s.s., 2,43 t. Potts, 15th Feb.—Portland 26th Jan., and Mororan 5th Feb., Gen.—A. & S. S. Co.

Entie, Ger. s.s., 1,109 t. Langsdorff, 11th Feb.—Feb., Tsingtau 6th Feb., Coal—J. & Co.

Fukura Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,456 t. H. Sakamoto, 20th Feb.—Mojii 1st Feb., Coal—M. B. G. K.

Janohane, Ger. s.s., 922 t. V. Ipland, 18th Feb.—Saigon 1st Feb., Rice—J. & Co.

Joshin Maru, Jap. s.s., 922 t. H. Smith, 10th Feb.—Swatow 1st Feb., Gen.—O. S. K.

Kaifeng, Br. s.s., 984 t. Mathias, 9th Feb.—Cobu and Holo 4th Feb., Gen.—B. & S.

Laisang, Br. s.s., 3,460 t. E. J. Todd, 18th Feb.—Calcutta 1st Feb., Penang and Singapore 5th Feb., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Lennox, Br. s.s., 2,561 t. F. McNair, 16th Feb.—Mojii 1st Feb., Coal—M. B. K.

Loyal, Ger. s.s., A. Nataque, 18th Feb.—Bangkok 1st Feb., Rice—S. W. & Co.

Marie, Ger. s.s., 1,169 t. P. E. Christensen, 18th Feb.—Saigon 1st Feb., Rice and Rice—C. S. S. Co.

Pearl, Br. s.s., 2,744 t. A. Dixon, 11th Jan.—San Francisco 7th Dec., and Portland, Or. 13th, Flour—O. & S. S. Co.

Sexta, Ger. s.s., 922 t. Desler, 21st Feb.—Saigon 14th Feb., Rice—S. & Co.

Shawmut, Br. s.s., 6,107 t. E. V. Roberts, 24th Feb.—Seattle 7th Feb., and Manila 17th, Gen.—D. & Co., Ld.

Tean, Br. s.s., 1,346 t. Outerbridge, 21st Feb.—Manila 18th Feb., Gen.—B. & S.

Telemachus, Br. s.s., 1,240 t. J. Williamson, 21st Feb.—Saigon 14th Feb., Rice and Gen.—Wo Fai Cheng.

Tjilwong, Dut. s.s., 3,06 t. N. van Wych Jurine, 21st Feb.—Java, Batavia 16th Feb., Gen.—C. J. L.

Trocas, Br. s.s., 2,44 t. Carrick, 17th Feb.—Polo Sambo 2nd Feb., Rice—M. Meyer & Co.

Victoria, Swed. s.s., 96 t. J. A. Heilberg, 21st Feb.—Polo Laut 10th Feb., Coal—Wallen & Co.

TO-MORROW.

St. John's Cathedral.

Holy Communion 7.30 a.m.

Matins 11 a.m., Responses: Feria, Venite;

Macfarlane, Psalms: of the 2nd morning, Is-

Deum: Iawes, Cooke and Hopkins, Psalms;

Anthem: Langdon, Anthems: Hymns: 172, 34 and 197.

Even-song 5.45 p.m., (Full Chorus), Respon-

ses: Feria, Psalms: of the 2nd evening, Magdalene: Nunc Dimittis: Smart in B flat;

Anthem: "The Radiant Morn"—Woodward,

Hymns: 193 and 437, Sevenfold Amen, Vot-

aries: Chant sans Parole—Tschalkovsky,

Dithyramb—Harwood.

N.B.—Psalm 114, Verses 1, 2, 3, 6 and G. F. in

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